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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2000, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

Line 1, after "system", delete "One embodiment includes", and insert --including--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3, 5, 6, 10 and 13, without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims.

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